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For Immediate Release:

EIU ROTC PLANS COMMISSIONING CEREMONY; TWO TO BE HONORED

CHARLESTON -- Two Eastern Illinois University students are scheduled to be commissioned as officers in the United States Army following successful participation in the university's Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

Cadets James Douglas Wolfe and Julie Anna Marcol will receive their presidential commissions from Major Bradley R. Royle at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, in the University Union's 1895 Room. The duo will be sworn in, then take their oath of office, thus becoming active duty officers.

Wolfe, 28, of Geneseo, graduated this spring with his master of business administration degree from Eastern. His first military assignment will be to remain at the university as an ROTC recruitment officer, followed by a fall transfer to Kentucky's Fort Knox where he'll serve as an armor officer.

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Also this spring, Marcol, 23, of Edinburgh, received her bachelor of science degree in health studies, with minors in both military science and family and consumer sciences. She will spend the summer at Ft. Knox as a trainer for participants of Camp Challenge Mission, a five-week national basic camp that qualifies/motivates cadets for entry into advanced ROTC courses. Her next assignment will take her to Fort Eustis, Va., where she will officially begin her duties as a transportation officer.

More than 150 students representing all academic fields take Army ROTC courses on Eastern's campus each year. About 20 of those complete the Army ROTC program and earn presidential appointments as Army officers.

Additional information on Eastern's ROTC program can be found on the department's website: <http://www.eiu.edu/~armyrotc/>